

ADVISORY COMMISSION ON COASTAL WATERS TOWN OF DARIEN

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MARY FLYNN, PARKS & REC COMM.
TOM BELL, HARBOR MASTER,
CAP. GARY PAVIA, POLICE

Green's Ledge Light

Minutes of February 4, 2015 Meeting

The meeting, in Room 119, Town Hall, was called to order at 7:35 pm by Chairman Huffard.

Present were Chairman Huffard, Vice Chairman Cavers and Commissioners Kemp, Jewett, Raleigh, Sparkman, Monroe, Balloch, Spivey, Schoudel, Vilter.

Absent were Commissioners Schoudel and Harbor Master Bell.

Also present was David Dever.

The minutes of the December 3, 2014 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Huffard briefly recapped the status of several issues of interest to the Commission:

- Chairman Huffard and Commissioner Spivey met with First Selectwoman Stevenson to discuss matters pertaining to shellfishing, and funding in respect of the harbor survey, and maintenance of mid-channel markers. The First Selectwoman is open to receiving recommendations from the Commission in these matters which the Commission will undertake. Chairman Huffard noted the importance of understanding the Town budget process.

- Chairman Huffard reported on his participation in the Darien Town Plan of Conservation and Development. During the hearing, Chairman Huffard shared the comments of the Commission which were well received. One of the key issues discussed concerns water quality of Long Island Sound. In light of this concern, the Commission will invite to the next Commission meeting David Knauf, Director of Health, Darien Health Department.

- On behalf of Harbor Master Bell Chairman Huffard reported that the undertaking of the harbor survey is delayed due to ice.

Shellfish Chairman's Report

Commissioner Spivey reported that:

- Commissioner Spivey attended a State of Connecticut meeting that was attended by

representatives of coastal communities. He reported that many communities issue many hundreds of shellfish permits to its residents, whereas in Darien, relatively speaking, fewer permits are issued. The Commission then spoke about proposals, including a “shellfish day”, to create awareness and interest in shellfishing to Darien residents.

- The Commission will consider inviting to a future meeting Dave Cary and Harbor Watch to address matters of interest to the Commission and Darien residents with respect to shellfishing in Darien waters.

Other Business

- Task Force Update – it was agreed that the leaders of each Task Force would be as follows:

- Dredging: Vice Chairman Cavers
- Rock Hazards: To be determined
- Town Plan: Chairman Huffard
- Shellfish: Spivey

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- An open Democrat Commission seat exists and the Commissioners were invited to make suggestions on potential candidates for this position. The idea of an environmentally-oriented candidate was put forward by Vice Chairman Cavers. The commissioners were generally receptive to such a candidate, assuming the right person could be found.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 4th at 7:30pm, Room 119, Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Vilter

Clerk